

## Fort Orange Archeological Site

Address Restricted, Albany

Dutch West Indian Company employees built Fort Orange, a half-acre earthen fort surrounded by a wooden palisade, in 1624. The site was a flat, narrow plain along the western shore of the Hudson River, downstream from the head of navigation and astride major overland Indian routes. First as Beverwyck, then as Albany, it was a logical center for trade and diplomacy. Salvage archeology was undertaken in the 1970s, and many artifacts were uncovered.